

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at Page 6, Ins. 1-11 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format.

The electricity generated via decompressing the fuel can be used directly to power vehicle ~~component~~components that use electricity (lights, fan(s), heating element(s), etc.), power the electric drive motor(s) in an HEV, or be stored in the vehicle's battery or battery pack (in an HEV) for use as needed at a later time. In addition, the generated energy can be used to power a more complete emptying of the fuel storage tank. Since an HEV's fueled engine or fuel cell must produce all the electricity used by the vehicle, any electricity generated via the decompressing fuel ultimately lowers the load on the engine or fuel cell and increases the vehicle's overall efficiency. In particular, there is some interest now in using small fuel cells as Auxiliary Power Units (APUs) to replace alternators altogether. If such a fuel cell is powered by compressed gas, this system could help to reduce the necessary capacity of the APU.